

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re patent application of:	)	Before the Examiner:
Young et al.	)	Steven J. Cotroneo
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Application Serial No. 10/695,068	)	Group Art Unit: 3733
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Filed: October 28, 2003	)	Atty. Ref. No.:
	)	MSDI-1006/PC767.01
MULTI-AXIAL, CROSS-LINK CONNECTOR	)	
SYSTEM FOR SPINAL IMPLANTS	)	

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated August January 28, 2011, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks. No extension of time or other fees are believed to be required for consideration of this response. However, please provide any extensions of time deemed necessary and charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 12-2424, but not to include the payment of any issue/publication fees.

### **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 10-18, 21 and 31-44 were pending in the subject application for the final Office Action dated January 28, 2011. Each of the pending claims currently stands rejected. In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are hereby requested.